REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 4-5, 9, 12-18 are pending in this application. Claims 2-3, 6-8 and 10-11 have been canceled.

An election has been requested to the subject matter of:

Group I, claim(s) 2-3, 6-8 and 10-11, drawn to a pharmaceutical composition for use in the treatment of abnormally increased bone turnover or resorption comprising a rapamycin derivative.

Group II, claim(s), 4-5, 9 and 12-18, drawn to a method of treating a disease/condition comprising administering a rapamycin derivative.

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants elect the invention of Group II.

With respect to the species, Applicants elect the rapamycin derivative 40-O-(2-hydroxyethyl)-rapamycin which is supported in the examples.

Should the Examiner have any questions, please contact the undersigned attorney.

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